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SUBJECT: 1975-1979 NATO COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

1. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, NETHERLANDS DCM BUWALDA INFORMED US DEFENSE ADVISOR PRENDERGAST OF PRESENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UK AND OTHER ALLIES ON INFRASTRUCTURE SIZE AND COST SHARES FOR THE NEXT CYCLE. BUWALDA SAID THAT SEVERAL MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD WITH UK DCM LOGAN ON THE SUBJECT. LOGAN INFORMED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER ALLIES THAT UK WOULD ACCEPT FUNDING AT IAU 400 MILLION WITH UK COST SHARE AT 12 PERCENT. EFFORTS OF OTHER ALLIES TO PERSUADE UK TO ASSUME A LARGER COST SHARE AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING AT IAU 450 MILLION HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS.

2. BUWALDA EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S INTERVENTION WITH MOD MASON HAD LED TO UK DECISION TO ACCEPT IAU 400 MILLION RATHER THAN IAU 300 MILLION AS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING LEVEL. HE ADDED QTE PERHAPS IT IS TIME FOR ANOTHER DIRECT APPROACH BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO MOD MASON IN ORDER TO BRING UK UP TO THE IAU 450 MILLION LEVEL UNQTE.

3. MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT IN NATO DURING SEPTEMBER ON NEXT INFRASTRUCTURE CYCLE. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A NEW APPROACH BY
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SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO MASON ON THIS MATTER.
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